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1. ISRAEL GAT, DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBASSY THAT PSOE CONGRESS ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 4, BUT HAD TO BE POSTPONED AT GOS INSISTENCE. INVITATIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO BOTH THE ISRAEL LABOR PARTY AND THE PLO FOR THE NOVEMBER 4 CONGRESS. HOWEVER, THE LABOR PARTY TOLD PSOE THAT IT COULD NOT ATTEND IF THE PLO WERE INVITED AS A FRATERNAL DELEGATION AND PERMITTED TO ADDRESS THE CONGRESS.

2. THE PLO REPRESENTATIVES WALKED OUT TWICE, ONCE WHEN YITZHAK BEN-AHARON, HEAD OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION, SPOKE AND THE SECOND TIME DURING THE CLOSING SESSION IN PROTEST AGAINST PSOE REFUSAL TO ADOPT A MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION AND TO LET THE PLO ADDRESS THE CONGRESS. TIES BETWEEN THE PSOE AND THE ISRAEL LABOR PARTY ARE OF LONG
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